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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136 (b)

Madam:

In response to the Examiner's Appeal Brief answer mailed January 30, 2006, a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (b) is respectfully submitted. Appellants respectfully submit that Counsel responsible for the prosecution of this application is overseas. Accordingly, the Appellants are requesting to extend the period of response for one month from March 30, 2006, up to and including April 30, 2006.

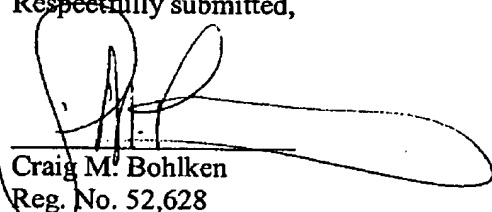
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Authorization is hereby given to charge the fee of \$200.00 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(g) to deposit account 502-665. In addition, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in connection with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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